



Programme Louisiana and The Netherlands: a Friendship Forged by Water

**Visit of the US Delegation
from Louisiana to The Netherlands,
10-13 January 2006**

Tuesday **January 10, 2006**

Host of the Day: **Mark Dierikx**, Director General Water

Arrivals

6.55 - 8.00 Schiphol Airport

Delegation travelling from Washington and from Louisiana will be met by US Embassy and Dutch Government officials

7.30 - 8.30 Customs, Luggage

8.30 - 9.30 Transport

to Kurhaus Hotel, The Hague.

The delegation from Washington will be transported by US Embassy; the delegation from Louisiana by Dutch Government officials

9.30 - 13.00	Rest time
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Bilateral meeting

13.00 - 13.45 Kurhaus, Kadinskysroom 4

Bilateral meeting between **Melanie Schultz van Haegen**, Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management and leaders of the US delegation with participation of the Netherlands Water Partnership

Pressmoment

13.45 - 14.00	Kurhaus, Pronkzaal
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Welcome and brief statements before press by US and Dutch delegation leaders

Seminar on Dutch Flood Protection Policy

14.00 - 14.10	Kurhaus, Pronkzaal
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Opening speech **Melanie Schultz van Haegen**, Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management

All members of the US delegation are to be to present at 13.45

14.10 - 15.20 Kurhaus, Pronkzaal

Presentations/overview of Dutch Flood Protection Policy at national, provincial and local levels

(Programme will include breaks and Q&A time)

15.20 - 15.45	Break
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American - Dutch conversions

1 mile = 1.61 kilometer

1 acre = 0.405 hectare

1 US gallon = 3,79 liter

Dutch - American conversions

1 kilometer = 0,621 mile

1 hectare = 2,47 acre

1 liter = 0,264 US gallon

Temperature conversions

50 Fahrenheit = 10 Celsius

40 Fahrenheit = 4,4 Celsius

30 Fahrenheit = -1 Celsius

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15.45 - 17.00 Kurhaus, Pronkzaal

Continuation of the overview of Dutch Water Policy. And an overview of the Dutch private water sector by **Arie Kraaijeveld**, Chairman of the Netherlands Water Partnership.

(Programme will include Q&A time)

17.00 - 18.00 Break / Rest

Reception

18.00 - 19.15 Kurhaus Gallery

Hosted by Netherlands Water Partnership and Shell.

The reception will be attended by representatives of leading Dutch water sector companies

Pressmoment

18.45 - 19.15 Kurhaus Gallery

Statements, Q&A, **Melanie Schultz van Haegen**, Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management and US delegation

Dinner

19.15 - 21.15 Cor Ruys Room Kurhaus

Hosted by **Melanie Schultz van Haegen**, Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management

Wednesday January 11, 2006
 Host of the Day: **Sjef Jacobs**, Director Department of Zeeland, Rijkswaterstaat

7.30 - 8.20 Kurhaus

Breakfast

8.20 - 8.50 Kurhaus

Check-out

Bilateral Meeting

8.00 - 8.50 Kurhaus, Kadinsky restaurant

Bilateral breakfast meeting of US delegation leaders with **Laurens Jan Brinkhorst** Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Affairs

Pressmoment

8.50 - 9.00 Kurhaus Serre

Meeting of the entire US delegation / Press with Mr. Brinkhorst

Water Practice Day I

9.00 - 10.00 Transport

to Maeslant Barrier

10.00 - 11.30 Maeslant Barrier

- Welcome by **Sybre van Dam**, Director of the South Holland Water Department, Rijkswaterstaat
- Meeting with His Royal Highness **The Prince of Orange** and **Melanie Schultz van Haegen**, Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management in the Keringhuis
- Guided tour of the Maeslant Barrier, two hollow, semi-circular gates attached by means of steel arms to a pivot point on both banks of the New Waterway river

Pressmoment

11.00 - 11.20 Keringhuis

Official statements

11.30 - 12.45 Transport

to Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier

12.45 - 13.45 Break /Lunch

at Neeltje Jans, the informal headquarters of The Delta Works public information centre, next to the Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier

Pressmoment

14.20 - 14.45 Gemeenlandshuis Delft

Closing statements, Q&A with press, Dutch and US delegations

14.45 - 15.45 Free time

(Gemeenlandshuis Delft is situated nearby Delft Town Square)

15.45 - 17.30 Transport

Transport to Golden Tulip Hotel Inntel, Amsterdam

19.30 - 22.30 Informal Dinner

for the Leaders of the US and Dutch delegations at restaurant 'La Cuisine Ronde,' Amsterdam

Hosted by **Luc Kohsiek**, Deputy Director General, Rijkswaterstaat

Thursday	January 12, 2006
Host of the Day: Luc Kohsiek , Deputy Director General, Rijkswaterstaat	
7.00 - 8.00	Hotel Westduin
Breakfast, Check out	
Water Practice Day II	
8.00-10.30	Transport
to WL Delft Hydraulics, Delft	
10.30 - 10.45	Break
10.45 - 12.00	WL Delft Hydraulics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Rob Klomp, Director, Specialist Consultancy • Keynote 'Flood and Water Management in Delta Areas', by Tony Minns, Manager of Marine and Coastal Management Sector • Tour of facilities • Demonstration of FEWS (Flood Early Warning System), Karel Heynert, Hydrologist, Inland Water Systems Sector <i>(Programme will include Q&A time)</i>	
12.00- 12.15	Transport
to Gemeenlandshuis Hoogheemraadschap Delft in the City Centre of Delft, famous medieval city in heart of Holland, known for its beautiful town square, home to Delft Blue ceramics	
12.15 - 13.15	Break / Buffet Lunch
at Gemeenlandshuis Hoogheemraadschap Delft, Albrechthal	
12.15 - 14.15	Regional Water Authority Delfland
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Piet Heijn Schoute, President Regional Water Authority Delfland • Keynote 'Water Board Management and Practice', by Johan van der Burg, Vice President Regional Water Authority Delfland <i>(Programme will include Q&A time)</i>	
14.15 - 14.20	Farewell word
by Luc Kohsiek , Deputy Director General, Rijkswaterstaat <i>(End of formal programme)</i>	

Water Practice Day I	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Wim T. Gelder, Queen's Commissioner of Zeeland, Hans van der Togt, Director Water and Shipping Rijkswaterstaat Zeeland and Bert van der Hoef, Director Neeltje Jans Expo Centre • Welcome by Sjef Jacobs, Director Department of Zeeland Rijkswaterstaat <i>(His Royal Highness The Prince of Orange and Melanie Schultz van Haegen, Vice Minister for Transport, Public Works and Water Management will join lunch and attend the guided tour)</i>	
13.45 - 15.00	Guided Tour
of the Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier. Explanation of engineering, design and operation of the Barrier, its pillar foundations etc.	
15.10 - 15.15	Break
Speech by Queen's Commissioner of Zeeland, Wim T. Van Gelder	
15.15 - 16.00	Neeltje Jans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote 'Delta Project: lessons learnt, facing the future' by Leo A. Adriaanse, Senior Advisor Watermanagement, Division Zeeland, Rijkswaterstaat • Keynote 'Innovation in Coastal Defense' by Tjeerd S. Blauw, Senior Advisor Watermanagement province of Zeeland • Keynote 'Risk Management' by Viek L. J. Verdult, Executive Officer province of Zeeland <i>(Programme will include Q&A time)</i>	
16.15	Transport
to Hotel Westduin near to Middelburg	
17.15 -18.15	Arrival
Hotel Check-In/Break	
18.15 - 18.35	Transport
from Hotel to Middelburg Abbey Buildings	
Drinks and Dinner	
18.35 - 21.30	Abbey Buildings
Hosted by Wim T. Van Gelder , Queen's Commissioner to the Province of Zeeland and the Board of the Provincial Executive	
21.30 - 21.45	Transport
back to Hotel Westduin	

Tourmap US Delegation visit to The Netherlands 10-13 January 2006



1. 10 January 2006: Seminar Dutch Water Policy at Kurhaus Hotel. Prestigious hotel along the Dutch coast, built in neo-renaissance style in 1885, two miles from The Hague.



2. 11 January 2006 : visit Maeslant Barrier, Rotterdam. Two hollow, semi-circular gates, on both banks of the New Waterway river, constructed between 1991-1997.



3. 11 January 2006 : visit Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier, Zeeland Completed in 1986, to close of the Oosterschelde estuary. 62 large openings in the barrier allow the tides to flow unimpeded. When storm threatens, the giant steel sluice gates fall into position.



4. 11 January 2006 : dinner at Abbey buildings Middelburg, Zeeland. Situated in the heart of the medieval city Middelburg, the buildings house the Zeeland provincial government and the Roosevelt Study Center (20th century American history).



5. 12 January 2006 : visit WL Delft Hydraulics, Delft. An independent research institute and specialist consultancy based in Delft providing clients with expert advice and technical assistance on water-related issues for over 75 years.



6. 12 January 2006 : visit Gemeenlandshuis Hoogheemraadschap Delft. Situated nearby the Delft Town Square. Built at the beginning of the 16th century and originally a mansion, since the 17th century it is home of the District Watercontrol Board of Delfland.



7. 12 January 2006: Golden Tulip Hotel Inntel, Amsterdam. Located in the very heart of Amsterdam, near the famous Dam Square and the Royal Palace.



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1 Den Haag
5/6 Delft



2 Maeslant Barrier
3 Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier
4 Middelburg



128 Miles

Middelburg

Amsterdam